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AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM

AMEMBASSY LUSAKA

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DAR ES SALAAM AND LUSAKA FOR SECRETARY'S PARTY

E.O.11652: NA

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SUBJECT: STUDENTS MARCH AND STONE POLICE CAR IN NATAL

1. IN THE FIRST INCIDENTS OF ANY SCALE IN NATAL SINCE ABORTIVE DURBAN BUS DRIVERS' STRIKE, GROUPS OF STUDENTS MARCHED IN KWA MASHU IN SYMPATHY FOR "BROTHERS IN SOWETO BEING KILLED" AND ANOTHER GROUP OF 300 STONED A POLICE CAR IN UMLAZI TOWNSHIP. FIRST GROUP, STUDENTS AT BLACK OHLANGE HIGH SCHOOL, MARCHED APPARENTLY SPONTANEOUSLY FROM THEIR SCHOOL ACROSS THE INANDA AREA TOWARD ANOTHER BLACK SCHOOL WHERE THEY TRIED TO CONVINCE COUNTERPARTS TO JOIN THE MARCH. UNSUCCESSFUL AT THIS ATTEMPT, THEY CONTINUED ON TO THIRD SCHOOL BUT BEFORE THEY COULD REACH IT POLICE INTERCEPTED THEM, BROKE UP THE MARCH, AND DETAINED 285 OF THE MARCHERS.

2. SECOND INCIDENT OCCURRED WHEN, DURING SPEECH BY TWO MEMBERS OF THE INKATHA MOVEMENT TO A GROUP OF STUDENTS IN UMLAZI, SOME STUDENTS NOTICED TWO DETECTIVES IN A NEARBY CAR SEEMINGLY WATCHING MEETING. ASSUMING THESE WERE SECURITY POLICE (THEY IN FACT WERE NARCOTICS DETECTIVES CHECKING ON UNCLASSIFIED

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SUSPECTED DRUG PUSHERS), STUDENTS SURROUNDED THE CAR AND

THREATENED TO STONE OR KISS THE DETECTIVES. DETECTIVES LEFT
IMMEDIATELY, BUT INCENSED STUDENTS LATER MARCHED THREE
KILOMETERS BEFORE BEING DISPERSED BY POLICE. TWO YOUTHS
WERE DETAINED FOR STONING A BUS DURING THE MARCH, BUT NO
FURTHER INCIDENTS WERE REPORTED.
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